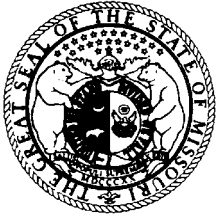


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Situation Report

Severe Storms

May 26, 2004

A strong storm system moved through the state from West to East. The storm system entered the state through the north of Kansas City and moved east primarily along the Highway 36 corridor. Several jurisdictions reported the touch down of tornadoes with injuries and property damage. This system also brought with it strong winds, hail and heavy rainfall that has caused some flooding and many jurisdictions have flood warnings through Wednesday. The storm system weakened on Tuesday May 25th, with isolated heavy storms reported across the state. The most severe was in the St. Louis area throughout the afternoon and evening hours. The system will continue to be present in the state through Thursday May 27th. Stormy weather will regenerate throughout the Memorial Day weekend with outbreaks of severe weather.

County/City reports:

City of Albany: The city of Albany received severe damage as a result of at least two tornadoes on the afternoon and evening of May 24th. SEMA and the Red Cross had disaster assessment teams survey the community on May 25th. The damage report indicates 11 businesses, 2 state offices, 1 not for profit building received major damage. Reports also indicate that 3 homes destroyed, 10-20 homes received major damage, 70 with minor damage and 13 homes were affected. There was no damage reported outside of the city limits. The state office buildings were offices of the Division of Social Services, Department of Health and Senior Services and Department of Mental Health. All clients are receiving care.

Livingston County: 4 tornadoes reportedly touched down east of Chillicothe destroying or causing heavy damage to 15 to 20 buildings. Large trees and power lines are down and a tractor-trailer truck was overturned on Highway 36. No further damage was reported. A SEMA assessment team reviewed damages, etc. on May 25.

Linn County: Widespread damage was reported in the city of Meadville. An estimated 250 homes were affected by the storm that included large hail and damaging winds. Most of the residences received moderate to serious damage to roofs due to the hail that fell from the storm. The city of Fountain Grove reported 3 homes were seriously damaged. SEMA assessment team will visit the County on May 26.

Macon County: SEMA assessment team is in Macon County. Ken's Truck Wash near New Cambria destroyed (insurance unknown). One mobile home destroyed, one mobile home with major damage and one single-family home with major damage in the New Cambria-Callao-Bevier area. About 15 homes viewed with minor damage and at least 25 sites where outbuildings were destroyed. Presiding Commissioner Craig Jones estimates there's about 50-60 miles of roads which now need repair, as well as one bridge approach. All roads are open to traffic.

City of Macon: Substantial exterior damage to one building in downtown area, which houses 2 businesses. Bldg. Believed to be insured. One business, a florist, was still open on a limited basis. Downtown streets were blocked off so that debris could be cleared from the upper floors of the structure. City Administrator Allan Muncy says 2 other nearby businesses had windows blown out. Also damage in town to Sutton Ford (plate glass windows and one vehicle) and the drive-in theater (screen blown down). No residential damage reported.

City of New Cambria: Extensive roof damage at Macon Co. C-4 School. The principal says the entire roof will have to be replaced. Three classrooms on upper floor suffered significant water damage, as did the library and gym. There was also damage to fence and dugouts on baseball field. She estimates cleanup can be complete in time to still have summer school, even though it will be delayed by a week. One A/C unit was blown off the roof and destroyed. Insurance should cover all damages.

Significant damage to MFA elevator with estimate at \$250,000.00 (insured). Minor damage to two other businesses and to facilities at the city park. One mobile home destroyed and about 25 other homes with minor damage. All roads are open to traffic.

TOTALS:

Destroyed -3: (2 mobile homes, 1 business)

Major-5: (1 single family home, 1 mobile home, 3 businesses)

Minor-45: (36 single family homes, 4 mobile homes, 1 multi-family, 4 businesses)

Federal /State Actions: SEMA has dispatched a Damage Assessment team to Gentry, Livingston, Linn and Macon Counties to conduct initial damage assessments. Additional Damage Assessment teams will be sent to other areas reporting severe damage as necessary. SEMA continues to monitor reports from the affected areas and coordinating with FEMA. SEMA personnel surveyed the northern tier of counties for damage reports(north of Interstate 70). All counties reported normal damage associated with this type of storms, such as downed tree, power outages, hail damage and localized flooding in areas that normally experience flooding associated with heavy rainfall.

Other State Agency and Volunteer Agency Actions: The Red Cross has established a Reception and Care Center in the Albany Community Center and provided assistance with the preliminary damage assessment. The Department of Conservation is also assisting authorities in both Albany and Chillicothe in the cleanup effort.

The Missouri Disaster Recovery Partnership and Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (MOVODAD) convened by teleconference Tuesday May 26 to coordinate response and recovery operations primarily directed to human services. Red Cross and Salvation Army continue to provide immediate disaster relief services to storm affected individuals and families and are the primary point of entry for disaster assistance for storm affected individuals and families. Red Cross continues to assess damage to residences. Other voluntary and private organizations are providing additional resources and assistance as needed. State agencies with human services related missions such as Social Services, Mental Health, and Insurance are available to address relevant needs when identified. AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team has been deployed to assist with clean-up and minor repair. Southern Baptist Chain saw teams are deployed to disaster stricken communities as well. The Missouri Interfaith Disaster Response Network (MIDRO) is addressing rebuilding and repair issues and long term recovery for hard hit families. The Kansas City Community Organizations Active in Disaster (KC-COAD) has convened and is coordinating local assistance in the Kansas City area. The University Extension and Outreach field staff conducted damage assessments and has a web site with disaster related information: <http://extension.missouri.edu/>

Previous Storm Information (May 19th Storm)

Cass County: An SBA assessment of damage in Cass County was completed on May 25. Results will be known in 2-3 days.

Point of Contact: SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal duty hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.